

GERMANS LAUNCH GENERAL ATTACK

French Positions in Neighborhood of Thiaumont Farm, on Verdun Line, Are Entered.

ADVANCES AT DEAD MAN
REPULSED, SAYS PARIS

Artillery and Mines Predominate in Fighting Along British Front in Flanders.

LONDON, June 9.—The Germans have launched a general attack along the entire front on the right bank of the Meuse and have penetrated the French line at one point, but were repulsed elsewhere with heavy loss, according to an official statement issued by the French war office today.

The point where the Germans entered the French lines is in the neighborhood of Thiaumont farm. The Germans also made two small attacks southwest of Hill 304, but these attacks, the statement says, were repulsed. Hard fighting also is going on between the British and Germans in the vicinity of Hoge and Ypres, but other agencies than the infantry are being employed.

French Communication.
The text of the French statement follows:

"On the left bank of the river Meuse we repulsed last night two small attacks against positions southwest of Hill 304. On the right bank of the river the Germans are continuing to deliver violent attacks along a front of about two kilometers (1-1.5 miles) stretching east and west of the Thiaumont farm. Between this farm and the Caillotte wood the enemy penetrated one of our trenches. All their endeavors on the west have been checked with heavy losses to the enemy.

"In the region of St. Mihiel a detachment of the enemy which was endeavoring to approach our lines east of Bialas was dispersed by our fire."

British Official Report.

The latest British official statement, issued at midnight, reads:

"The principal activity in the past twenty-four hours has been in the sector between Vimyridge and La Bassée canal, where mine warfare was particularly in evidence. Six mines and camouflaged have been exploded, with results, generally speaking, in our favor.

"Near the Hohenzollern redoubt the explosion of one of our mines considerably damaged the enemy defenses, and after the explosion our snipers accounted for nine of the garrison.

"Around Souchez there has been a good deal of work with trench mortars, and along the whole sector the artillery of both sides has been active.

"Just south of La Bassée canal we carried out a successful raid last night, inflicting losses on the enemy. The garrison of the raided trenches fled, leaving the dead on the ground.

"The situation at Hoge is unchanged, and there have been no infantry actions today. The artillery of both sides shelled intermittently both day and night."

6,000 Canadians Fall
in Desperate Fighting
During the Past Week

OTTAWA, June 9.—Upward of 6,000 Canadians have fallen within a week in the desperate fighting in and around Sanctuary woods, according to a statement made by Maj. Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, in presenting colors to a Canadian regiment on Parliament hill.

"The great majority, wounded," he said, "already are clamoring to get back into the fray, but many of the gallant lads have gone down, never to rise again. We deeply mourn their loss, but that loss affords an inspiration for tens of thousands more to take their place."

Some details of the fighting have come through. Gen. Hughes received a cable message from the front stating that Capt. Nivins, the only officer left of the Princess Patricia's, again had distinguished himself. He was killed on Friday, he was taken back and treated at a dressing station. He went to the front trenches on Saturday, was again wounded, taken back and dressed, was at the front again Sunday and was sent back for further treatment.

Goes Down Using His Fists.

Chaplain Witkes, according to the message, carried a rifle into the fight. He used it as long as he could and then wielded a bayonet until the encounter became too close for either, when he went down using his fists.

Col. Buller, in command of the Princess Patricia's, was killed. He had been a member of the Duke of Connaught's Canadian household like the man who preceded him, Col. Farquhar. Col. Farquhar was killed at the head of the Princess Patricia's. A cable to Gen. Hughes announced that Col. Buller had been buried in Col. Farquhar's grave in Flanders.

The regiment has been shot to pieces three times and now is back from the front waiting for men to fill the gaps that they may return to the fighting line.

Thus far 334,209 Canadians have been enlisted for overseas service.

Maj. Stewart Among Dead.

NEW YORK, June 9.—Maj. Charles W. Stewart, of the 10th Battalion, Canadian Infantry, was killed in action in Flanders June 1, according to information received here by his brother. Maj. Stewart was a first lieutenant of the 5th United States Cavalry, but resigned when the war began to join the Canadian forces, saying that he was a professional soldier and wished to have wide experience.

He was born in Montreal, was thirty-six years old, and a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. His family lives in England.

Regret Loss of Fort Vaux,
But French Public Is
Not at All Discouraged

PARIS, June 9.—The fall of Fort Vaux with its gallant little band of defenders is deeply regretted, but public opinion is not discouraged.

The withdrawal of the French line to the inner defenses of Verdun, on the right bank of the Meuse, which was forecast by military writers as a natural consequence of the capture of Vaux, has not yet taken place. The French have repulsed the furious and repeated efforts of the enemy to compel their retirement.

Violent onslaughts, both in the Thiaumont region and on the trenches in the vicinity of Vaux, were made by the Germans in the last twenty-four hours, but, according to the latest reports received by the French war office, all of these attacks were repulsed in the main.

Advance About One Mile.

By a week of uninterrupted attacks, in which it is said a number of divisions

were destroyed, the Germans have advanced their lines about one mile. They have taken the southern part of Caillotte wood, part of the Chapire wood, Danloup village and now Vaux fort. In past wars the enemy's progress on the right would have compelled the French to fall back automatically from the Douaumont-Thiaumont lines, but under the present conditions it has been found that such a saw-toothed front can be held. The French found this to their disadvantage in the great Champagne offensive.

Defense Notable Incident.

The desperate defense of Fort Vaux made by Commander Raynal and the small contingent left in the fort constitutes one of the most notable incidents of the Verdun campaign. The fort had been gradually pounded to pieces in a terrific seven-day bombardment, while infantry rushes were repeatedly launched against the slopes of the fort, its ditches and outworks. Early yesterday morning Gen. Raynal's force was cut off for the first time from communicating with the French trenches 500 yards to the south. The means of transporting provisions and shells had previously been destroyed, and the stock of food in the garrison was exhausted.

Bring Up Fresh Divisions.

In the meantime the Germans brought up two fresh divisions and hurled them forward in five successive massed attacks, which, in spite of the fearful losses caused by the French artillery, finally resulted in the Germans gaining the inner defenses of the fort and sweeping over its exhausted defenders. No word has been received from Gen.

Raynal since communication was first cut and nothing is known of his fate or that of his men.

The French lines now embrace the circle of inner forts and trenches lying south of Fort Vaux, the line constituting a semi-circle of defense from five to six miles outside of Verdun.

C. M. DANIELS WINS MEDAL.

Wife Runs Him Close Second in Annual Shorthand Contest.

The Gregg Shorthand Association of Washington held its annual contest last night in the Brentano building. The winner's medal was awarded to C. M. Daniels of the Interior Department, with Mrs. Daniels of the same department running him a close second.

The association was addressed by W. K. Cooper of the Y. M. C. A., who spoke on "Character First," and by Dr. N. W. Shefferman of this city, on the "Science of Social Service." The winner's medal was also contributed by Frank C. Steward of Steward's Business College, Walter E. Ingersoll of New York and E. S. Lozano, a visiting shorthand writer of Porto Rico.

Representative Padgett Honored.

The degree of LL. D. has been conferred upon Representative Lemuel P. Padgett of Tennessee by Erskine College, S. C. Mr. Padgett is the chairman of the House committee on naval affairs. He is a graduate of Erskine College in the class of 1876. Erskine College is one of the leading colleges of South Carolina. It is a Presbyterian institution, and was established in 1842.

President to Speak in New York.

President Wilson has accepted an invitation to speak in New York June 30 before the New York Press Club.

TO POOR AND RICH ALIKE.

Former Judge De Lacy Tells of Opportunities Supplied in America.

"America gives opportunity to the poor and to the rich alike. If you and I do not reach our goal it is our own fault." With this as the keynote of his address, former Judge William H. De Lacy told the graduates of the Holy Cross Academy at the commencement exercises, held yesterday afternoon.

Cardinal Gibbons, of whom Judge De Lacy spoke as "one of America's greatest citizens and a true example of all that is true and noble in American life," awarded the diplomas and prize medals. He also blessed the class and the school, but did not speak.

Attractive musical selections and a literary program featured the exercises. The commencement closed with the singing of the class song.

Lithuanians Appeal to President.

A committee representing the American relief fund for Lithuanian war sufferers urged President Wilson yesterday to do his utmost to end the European war and to alleviate by diplomatic negotiations the suffering of starving Lithuanians. They asked that he set aside a day for contributions to their fund.

Plan Parade to Urge Nolan Bill.

The Federal Watchmen's Union is planning to have a parade of government employees as a demonstration in favor of the Nolan minimum wage bill. A committee, headed by H. A. Raines, president of the union, has been formed to prepare the plans. James J. Reed, secretary of the body, said today that the date for the proposed parade had not yet been set.

Walter A. Milstead, formerly of Laurel, Md., died at Manila, where he was a well known broker.



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